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PUBLIC MEETING MINUTES

Hawaii Invasive Species Council
January 27, 2021, 10 AM

Considering the evolving COVID-19 situation, protecting the health and welfare of the community is of utmost concern. As such, the meeting was held remotely, with Council members, legislative participants, and staff participating via online meeting software. The meeting was livestreamed

at: https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCFT6SAASZIUxd_XgZMCjGsQ

1. Call to order by Co-Chair:

- a. Council: Suzanne Case (Chair-DLNR), Phyllis Shimabukuro-Geiser (Chair-HDOA), Mary Alice Evans (DBEDT), David Rodriguez (HDOT), Nicholas Comerford (UH-CTAHR, joined approximately 10:24am)
- b. Legislators: Brandon Kim (Sen. Gabbard staff)
- c. Guests: Adam Radford (MISC)
- d. HISC staff: Leyla Kaufman, Josh Atwood, Chelsea Arnott, Randy Bartlett
- e. Called to order 10:02 AM by Chair Phyllis Shimabukuro-Geiser

2. Approval of the minutes from August 27, 2020 meeting:

- a. Mary Alice Evans: Motion to Approve
- b. Suzanne Case: Seconded. Approved.
- c. Josh Atwood: Suggest minor corrections, capitalizing the word Zoom, add Hawaiian diacritics (approved unanimously).

3. Submittal: Requesting Hawaii'i Invasive Species Council (HISC) approval for potential activities as part of a 2021 Hawaii'i Invasive Species Awareness Month (HISAM) and delegating to the HISC Support Program staff the annual coordination of activities and the selection of awardees for HISAM to be recognized in the Council's name

- a. Chelsea Arnott, HISC Support Staff, listed activities for HISAM: Over 30 webinars, activities and engagement through social media, opening and closing ceremony with Hālau 'Ōhi'a, awards for HISAM winners. Randy Bartlett, HISC Support Staff, listed recommended awardees (see HISC website for final 2021 award recipients).
 - i. Mary Alice Evans: Motion to accept.
 - ii. David Rodriguez: Seconded. Approved.

4. Submittal: Requesting Council approval to delegate to Hawaii'i Invasive Species Council (HISC) Support Program staff the authority to track legislative measures, provide in the Council's name written and/or oral testimony, and provide comments in legislative hearings, and requesting that the Council delegates to the HISC Program Support Staff the authority to draft and provide in the Council's name written and/or oral comments on documents relevant to invasive species and released by other entities for input

- i. Mary Alice Evans: Motion to approve.
- ii. David Rodriguez: Seconded. Motion approved.
- iii. Josh Atwood: permission to clarify in submittal recommendation that the delegation is specifically to the HISC Support Program staff (approved).

5. Public Comments

- a. No submitted testimony
- b. Adam Radford (Maui Invasive Species Committee): MISC requested to provide an update. Adam extended his thanks to the council for their work on HISAM in years past and taking this year's event virtual.

1. Adjournment:

- a. Nick Comerford: Motion to adjourn
- b. Suzanne Case: Seconded. Motion approved.
- c. Meeting adjourned at 10:25 pm.

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